भाटिया): (क) से (घ) जी, नहीं। 10 जनवरी, 1993 को पाकिस्तान को यह बता दिया गया था कि अब पाकिस्तान को दिल्ली और बंबई से बाहर के अस्थायी वीजा कार्यालयों से काम करने की इजाजत नहीं होगी और यह भी कि अब उसे इसके बजाय उसे अपना वीजा का काम नई दिल्ली स्थित हाई कमीशन से तथा बंबई स्थित प्रधान कोंसलावास से करना चाहिए।

Complaints of Harassment by Indian Labourers Working Abroad

2759. SHRI VIRENDRA KATARIA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have been receiving regular complaints of harassment of Indian labourers working abroad;

(b) whether Government have any cell to monitor and redress their grievances; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R.L. BHATIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Government of India through Indian Missions abroad maintains regular contact with foreign Governments to ensure the welfare and to improve conditions of Indian workers in the respective countries. The Indian Missions at first try to resolve the differences between the aggrieved worker and the employer to arrive at a mutually acceptable solution. Wherever necessary, cases are taken up with the concerned authorities of the foreign Government to persuade the employers to redress the grievances of Indian workers.' Where no alternative employment or any solution is possible despite best efforts of the Mission, all assistance is given to facilitate repatriation of the aggrieved worker.

The Ministry of Labour through the Office of Protector General of Emigrants maintains a public hearing system at their Headquarters in New Delhi and also at six regional offices to redress grievances and complaints or to impart any information on various aspects of emigration, twice a week.

Statement made by foreign Secretary

2760. SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether, as reported in the Indian express of 2nd December, 1993 the Foreign Secretary had indicated that India was willing to discuss with Pakistan "some compromise" to resolve the Kashmir issue in a "practical and realistic manner" taking mutual concerns into account; and

(b) if so, what was the precise nature and content of the "compromise" indicated by Foreign Secretary?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R. L. BHATIA): (a) and (b) Foreign Secretary, in an interview with Asianet, on 27-11-1993, reiterated Government's commitment to resolve all differences with Pakistan peacefully and through bilateral negotiations in accordance with the Simla Agreement and that at the Foreign Secretary-level talks scheduled to be held at Islamabad from 1—3 January, 1994, Government would endeavour to reason with Pakistan to move towards a mutually acceptable settlement of differences relating to the Jammu and Kashmir issue.

Land route facility to Arab countries via Pakistan

2761. SHRI BHUPINDER SINGH MANN: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government would take up with Pakistan a land route facility to